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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a European Office Action, dated September 20, 2010, issued in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04 725 533.6, along with Forms PTO-SB/08A&B, listing references which are submitted for consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Office Action or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application.

The following Statement is made under 37 CFR. §1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed reference, JP 10-108864 A, is not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the attached English Abstract. With respect to the JP 05-000138 A, Applicants note that it was previously filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on May 24, 2010.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 529.45475X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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